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VACANCIES IN ICAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) centres in Kerala has a number of vacancies in the scientific cadre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Union Government to fill up the vacancies;
- (c) whether the Government is meticulously involved in disseminating research findings of ICAR scientists to the farmers across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Presently there are 127 vacancies in the scientific cadre in the research centres based at Kerala as per details at Annexure-I. Recruitment of scientists is a continuous process and steps have been initiated to get these vacancies filled up on priority through the Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB).

(c) & (d): ICAR has established 641 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the country spread in different states at district level having mandate of assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products. The KVKs in coordination with ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities assess, demonstrate the agricultural technologies in farmers' fields and train the farmers, rural youth & farmer women and produce seed, planting material and livestock strains for effective technology application.